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Sixth Annual Invitational Drawing Show to Feature Works by 12 San Diego Artists *Exhibit will be on Display at Pacific Beach/Taylor Branch Library*

SAN DIEGO – More than 35 drawings by 12 leading contemporary artists from throughout San Diego County will be featured in the sixth annual Invitational Drawing Show, on view from Dec. 11, 2005, to Feb. 11, 2006, at the Pacific Beach/Taylor Branch Library. The public is invited to meet the artists at a reception in the library gallery on Sunday, Dec. 11, from 1 to 4 p.m. The reception and exhibition are free to the public. The Pacific Beach/Taylor Branch, which houses the flagship gallery for the San Diego Public Library system, is located at 4275 Cass St.

Organized by Library Curator Mark-Elliott Lugo, the annual drawing shows are intended to foster appreciation for the fundamental and difficult skill of drawing, while demonstrating the unique beauty, expressiveness, and versatility of drawing media. As in previous years, the exhibited works demonstrate a variety of concepts, styles, media, and techniques, including non-traditional approaches.

With the exception of Herbert Olds and Helen Redman, whose works have appeared in previous drawing shows, many new faces will be seen in this year's exhibition. The art on display ranges from ceramic artist Gail Schneider's spare and elegant works on paper, which relate to her celebrated vessel forms, to William Feeney's painstaking renderings of the human figure. Perhaps the grittiest pieces in the show are by Jane Lazerow. Executed in paint applied to paper with a stylus, and dark in palette and symbolism, these evoke a surreal world of psychological trauma and unsettling dreams. Equally engaging are Jeff Irwin's environmentally themed and

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technically complex images fired onto panel-like grids of ceramic tiles. Rounding out the group are Alison Baldwin, James Christensen, Anthony Mitri, Bill Mosley and Steven Walls, who bring exceptional skill and unique perspectives to the exhibition.

The sixth annual Invitational Drawing Show is dedicated to the late Sol Ehrlich (1922-2004), a renowned designer and gifted fine artist who came to San Diego from New York City in the mid-1980s. Although he had a masterful ability to render the human figure, and his command of line was sublime, Ehrlich never formally exhibited his art. In 2006, more than 100 of Ehrlich's life drawings will be sold in a fundraising exhibition benefiting the Library's Visual Arts Program.

The Invitational Drawing Show artists are available for interviews. The artists' phone numbers and photographs of their works are available on request.

Pacific Beach/Taylor Branch Library hours are: Mondays and Wednesdays, 12:30 to 8 p.m.; Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Fridays, 12:30 to 5:30 p.m.; Saturdays, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.; and Sundays, 1 to 5 p.m. For more information, call (858) 581-9934.

The City of San Diego Public Library's [Visual Arts Program](#) is a nationally recognized series of exhibitions, lectures, and other art-related activities. The mission of the program is to demonstrate the library's role as a cultural institution embracing a broad range of disciplines, while assisting San Diego's mid-career and older artists in achieving wider local, regional, and national attention. Visual Arts Program exhibitions are made possible, in part, by a grant from the Frederic Whitaker and Eileen Monaghan Whitaker Foundation, contributions from individuals, and volunteer efforts. For more information about the sixth annual Invitational Drawing Show, or tax-deductible contributions to the Visual Arts Program, please contact Library Curator Mark-Elliott Lugo at (619) 238-6627.

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